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Examiner Choudhury,

Thank you for agreeing to schedule a discussion of this application at 1pm eastern time tomorrow.

Below is an amendment to one of the independent claims:

3. (Currently amended) In an on-line network environment, a method of operation of a network management system (NMS), the method comprising:

receiving a trap message from an agent, the agent having a management information base (MIB) information associated therewith; ~~and~~

in response to receiving the trap message, transmitting to the agent a request to perform a walk operation, wherein the walk operation facilitates automatic update of the MIB information associated with the agent; and

transmitting at least part of the updated MIB information to the agent.

The office action cited Nguyen at column 1, line 61 through column 2, line 14 as allegedly teaching transmitting at least part of the updated MIB information to the agent. For your reference, this section of Nguyen discloses:

Another aspect of the present invention is a network management station (NMS) in a data communication network for constructing in the NMS a device Management Information Base (MIB) for interfacing with a device. The NMS comprises a communication interface coupled to the network for communicating with the device, and a processing system coupled to the communication interface for controlling the device. The processing system is programmed to interpret the data of a management structure MIB in order to construct the device MIB. The management structure MIB is provided by the device from an agent that includes the management structure MIB, which provides data describing a device MIB structure supported by the device. The processing system is further programmed to detect that the device is present on the network, and, in response, to access the management structure MIB to obtain the data describing the device MIB structure, when the device MIB is not known to the NMS. In addition, the processing system is programmed to interpret the data describing the device MIB structure, thereby constructing the device MIB.

Thus, Nguyen describes "constructing in the NMS a device Management Information Base (MIB) for interfacing with a device," where the "NMS comprises a . . . processing system

coupled to the communication interface for controlling the device." A "MIB is provided by the device," and the "processing system is further programmed to detect that the device is present on the network, and, in response, to access the management structure MIB to obtain the data describing the device MIB structure." However, in our view Nguyen fails to disclose the claim feature of "transmitting at least part of the updated MIB information to the agent."

Thanks and I look forward to speaking with you tomorrow,
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